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October 1994

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- Being Gay Today Cable TV
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20th & L, Midtown Sacramento

Joanna Cassese, Executive Director

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Youth Happenings by Brian Craig

Lambda Community Center
Sacramento, CA

From the E.D. by Joanna Cassese

A couple of exciting things are happening on the youth front this month.

The hotline for youth will begin this month. The hotline is a peer counseling and referral line for lesbian, bisexual and gay youth. The unique part is that the line will be staffed by people currently involved in youth programs. The hotline will be in operation during the evening hours starting the first part of October. In advance, I want to thank Barb, Marla, Alex, Steve, Jason, and Franklin for helping make the hotline a reality.

The youth group will be taking their first ever camping trip during October. With help from some of the members of the Board of Directors, the concept is finally becoming a reality. The trip will hopefully foster unity and lots and lots of fun. Speaking of concepts that are finally becoming a reality, the youth newsletter will finally make its debut this month. Thanks to Adam and his staff of dedicated people for putting forth extra effort to make it happen. The first issue is scheduled for release during the middle of October.

The ASAP program has received a significant donation from The Foundation for Educational Research/Sacramento Ball. A huge thank you goes out to them for believing in the future of bisexual, gay, and lesbian youth in the Sacramento area.

Volleyball has been over for a while, but I haven't gotten recognition out to the people who deserve it. Congratulations go out to the all-star team: Yanz, Felicia, Amanda, John, Torrance and Sonya. Torrance was voted most valuable player, while Adam was voted most improved. On a personal note, I want to thank Roy, Adam, and Torrance for helping me set up each week. I also want to thank all the other youth that participated and made playing volleyball fun for all.

Now that my thank-you's are done, I have to ask for help. I'm looking for adult role models within the community to help me coordinate some of the programs for youth at the center. If you have an interest in making a positive difference in the lives of young people in the community, please contact me at the center and we can talk about what types of things are available. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated. Thanks again!

How many more things can we squeeze into one month? National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. National Coming Out Day, October 11. Champagne, Chocolate, and Checkbooks on October 23. And Lambda's Haunted House on October 28th thru the 31st.

Speaking of National Coming Out Day, every year I see more and more the importance of our community coming out and being proud of who we are. And I get angrier and angrier when people I know or have known as friends refuse to recognize the power behind being vocal about who we are. By our own admission the non-gay community takes the Christian Right more seriously than we do. The non-gay community is fighting hard to help us preserve the many gains we have made over the last 20 years.

What's it going to take for every lesbian and gay man to be proud of who she is, of who he is? What's it going to take for you to be proud of who *you* are? What's it going to take to remove your mask and show the beauty and pride behind it? What's it going to take to make each and every one of us understand the power and danger behind the Traditional Family Values Coalition and other similar groups? What's it going to take to get you to understand that our lives and our freedoms depend upon each and every lesbian and gay man to stand up and say, "I'm fed up and I'm not going to take it anymore!?"

Obviously, we can no longer depend upon our elected officials when we see people like Dianne Feinstein voting on the side of Jesse Helms. Our Congress and Senate is even allowing our educational system to be threatened by Jesse Helms. All across our country, city by city, our rights our being stripped away while we sit comfy and cozy in the protection of our closets.

If this article does nothing else, I hope it makes you think. I hope it makes you understand the threat is no longer *just* a threat. For the sake of everyone - please take at least one little step out of the closet and into reality. The Lambda Community Center staff is here to help make it easier.

See you at C³!

LAMBDA COMMUNITY CENTER AWARDED FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM

by Joanna Cassese

AmeriCorp., a federally funded "Peace Corps at Home" type program, is providing several Community Based Organizations with a full time staff person for one year to help carry out a program that would not otherwise be available to our community at this time. These programs are geared towards education, prevention, and care to young members of our community at risk for HIV/AIDS.

Joanna Cassese, Executive Director of The Lambda Community Center, submitted a proposal to Washington, D.C. and our local United Way for a full time person to head our education, prevention and care services to the lesbian and gay deaf community.

The federal government will be paying the salary and benefits for this staff person which amounts to approximately \$8,000. In addition, the volunteer selected from a large pool of applicants will receive about \$4,000 to help fund future education. Torrance Wade, a staff person with Lambda at this point, has been chosen as one of Sacramento's Corp Volunteers. Policy dictates that Torrance not be placed at an agency where he has worked so some other lucky agency will be seeing his smiling face. We wish you the best of luck, Torrance.

This program could not have been designed without the input of Charlie Mauer and Paul Szymanski. Both of these men work at NorCal Center for the Deaf and are members of our community. Stephanie Vigil of Channel 13 News was truly the catalyst for this program. Stephanie met with Joanna to seek information for these types of services for the deaf gay community. After Joanna crawled out from under her desk from embarrassment she had to tell Stephanie there was nothing in Sacramento at all for our gay deaf people, youth in particular. In fact, there are presently no specific HIV/AIDS education and prevention programs for deaf people in Sacramento at all! Stephanie did a special segment on this issue in September. The Lambda Community Center would like to thank her and Channel 13 News for being sensitive and interested in educating the community at large. We look forward to a follow-up on Lambda's success story.

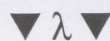
The Corp Volunteer selected to work at the Lambda Community Center will be responsible for designing a program and materials geared to address the specific challenges for the deaf and hearing impaired. This will include design and printing of brochures at a level of educational understanding and terminology appropriate to this community. Funding is not available for these and other support services needed. If you have available services that can help with printing, paper, advertising or other areas, a donation would be terrific.

Joanna will be giving our community more specific information in a future newsletter. Until then, if you are deaf or know of anyone who can volunteer time to this program, please call her at 442-0185. Although we will have a full time staff person, a lot of volunteers will be necessary to make this program successful.

Welcome, Fairy Godfathers!

Lambda Community Center would like to welcome aboard FAIRY GODFATHERS ASSOCIATION of SACRAMENTO.

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H.E.A.L. Plans For National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

H.E.A.L. (Health Education and Awareness for Lesbians) a project of the Lambda Community Center is planning some activities in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

A table with information on breast cancer and other health issues related to Lesbians will be set up at The Center. You can also pick up your own personal safe sex packet and Self Breast Exam Technique flyer to hang in your shower.

"I Support Breast Cancer Research" pins will also be available; we would like to see every woman in America wearing one of these pins. Thanks to Denise at Choice's, we were able to purchase these at her cost. A one dollar donation for the pin would be greatly appreciated!

Later in October, a panel of experts will be available for an in-depth discussion, and question and answer session on Breast Cancer. Please look in our community newspapers on October 15th for details.

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Wow! - Thank You! by Joanna Cassese

"The Summer Ball" donated \$5000 to the Lambda Center's ASAP (AIDS/Substance Abuse Prevention for adolescents) Program. These funds will be used for social events including dances and a camping trip, expenses for our hotline training, educational seminars for our Youth Group Coordinator and printing costs for the group's newsletter and pamphlet. A detailed budget will be provided to the donors after approval by our Board of Directors.

Fred Palmer's fundraising efforts brought in \$150 for us. These funds will go to our "building improvement fund" to help beautify the Community Center and make it a building our community can be proud to enter.

Kate Moore and The Latest Issue held a fundraiser at the Rainbow Festival and raised nearly \$150 for us; these funds will be used to buy videotapes for our local public access TV show, "Being Gay Today."

Our heartfelt thanks go out to these people for helping make The Center and our programs a reality. And, as always, members of our Future Fund and Friends of The Center.

No name is consciously left out of acknowledgments. If you were a donor and not mentioned here or in a specific column, please call me at 442-0185.

Fight The Right! by Joanna Cassese

Your vote is the most powerful tool you have. Register to vote. The deadline is October 11th.

Don't let the far-right radicals win. Some will say that there's no need to worry; concentration camps could never happen here. Excuse me - they already did. They were filled with Japanese. Could it happen again? The people of Germany said it couldn't happen there. Until the boxcars arrived. I can see Jesse Helms at the controls now- or maybe Pat Robertson, Sam Nunn or Jerry Falwell. You *know* they'd love nothing better.

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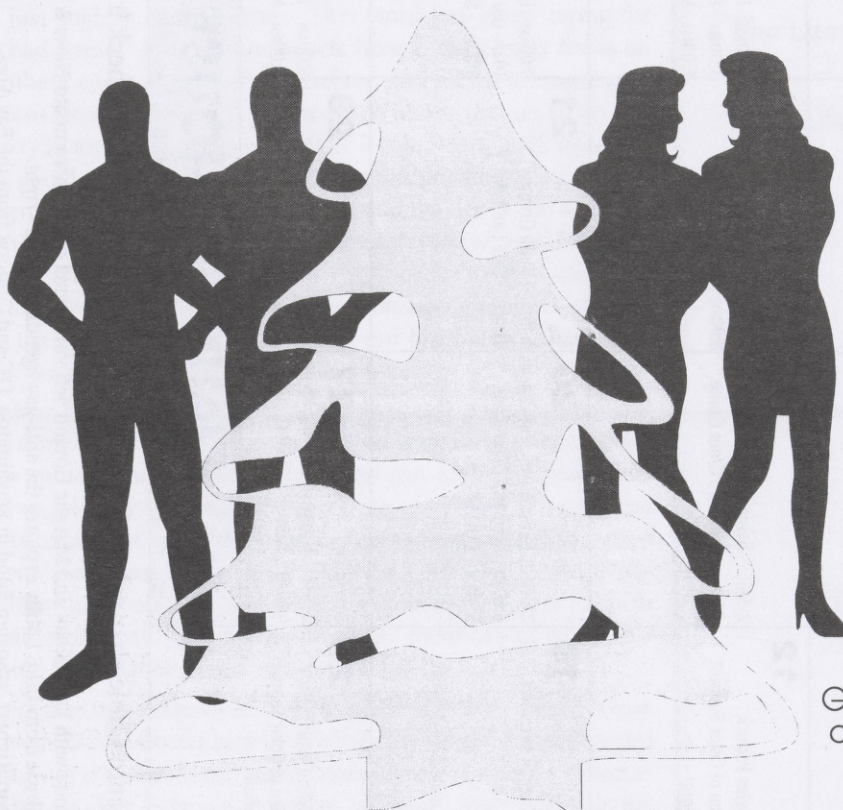
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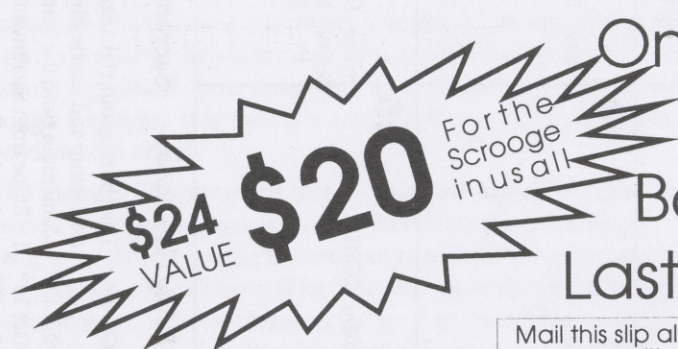


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| 30 | 31 | <p>Being Gay Today Sacramento Cable channel 17: Thurs 10PM, Fri 4PM and Sat 10AM. Check it out!</p> <p>Oct 6th The Un-religious right agenda with Jerry Sloan and Marghe Covino. Jeff vonKaenel of the Sacramento News & Review talks about censorship and Laurie McBride from LIFE Lobby explores the anti-gay agenda of the far-right.</p> <p>Oct 13th Momentum from the Human Rights Campaign Fund in Washington, DC and Outlook from the Bay Area.</p> <p>Oct 20th Lt. Enloe from Sacramento PD seeks our help solving the murders of four gay men. Let's talk leather! Finally, the Fairy Godfathers.</p> <p>Oct 27th Andross' Halloween special plus a National Coming Out Day special from right here in Sacramento.</p> | | | | |
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"Work is love made visible"

KHALIL GIBRAN

Work by Alex Brashears

This quote is for all of us who are into our work, our community, or perhaps just slightly codependent. That word has given caring for others a bad name! Most of our efforts here at the Center focus on helping others and consequently ourselves, and all the younger gays and lesbians now growing to adulthood. Without the assistance we provide day in and day out, from all of us – volunteers, staff, donors – this work could not get done. Since I began this position at the Center, I have been struck by the amount of work, and the depth and intensity of love underlying that work, that provides everyone here with a foundation, a motivation to continue, and to continue to change—assessing the need for new programs or a new focus, developing projects, and just trying to take care, to love ourselves and our brothers and sisters so much that we can't but help to be in this work...

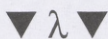
While I am busy trying to recruit and organize all of those wonderful volunteers, making what sometimes seem to be endless phone calls, I hear from someone in the community who just needs the proverbial shoulder, via telephone and occasionally in person. Often, it is a woman who wants to talk with another woman about a huge variety of issues: coming out, loneliness, drug use, AIDS, being suicidal, health problems, relationship problems. The women and men who call or come in are not all lesbian and gay, either—they are members of our *whole* community, our neighborhood, our world.

It only makes sense that we all need to make time to be here for them because we are a *community* center. Without the help of volunteers and donors none of this could take place. We *need* you here; our community needs you here. There's only just so much work that can get accomplished by 6 people, no matter how much love and energy they can give. Our center thrives through community effort; your toil – your ideas and suggestion – your donations. I guess I can stop lecturing now, although I imagine this month's article *will* appeal to all those codependents out there!

The message is getting out there. This past month we have been showered with new volunteers—over 30 oriented in all, and plans to develop a beautiful enough environment to befit all the volunteers and staff working here (and that *will* be difficult!) are underway. Thank you to Elena Schwed, a Board member, for her hard work obtaining donations for the grounds. Lumberjack donated several one gallon perennials, shrubs, and some annuals; please share with them our appreciation.

I also wanted to thank Jennifer for her efforts compiling a historical media file of all articles mentioning the Center, related projects, and the l/g/b community since our inception. And finally, I really appreciate all the extra time that Jon and Warren have been volunteering to fill our phone/reception shifts. You two deserve to be thanked every day for at least two weeks—this more than you can possibly realize.

Finally, I would like to encourage everyone to consider volunteering some time with the Center: wherever you are in the coming out process, whether just beginning or already way out there, volunteering in our wonderful community is a very empowering experience. National Coming Out Day is October 11, and wouldn't it be powerful to tell your friends, your co-workers, and your family that you're going to the Lambda Community Center to begin giving to *your* community. Think about it. I'll see you down here.



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Knight's Castle Comes to Center by Franklin Anderson

On October 28, 29, 30 and 31 the Center will be transformed. Earl, George, Jesse and the rest of The Valley Knights Motorcycle Club are hosting this year's Haunted House as a fundraiser for The Center.

The Valley Knights has a long and interesting history in Sacramento. Founded in 1976, they started doing Christmas benefits, talent shows and bike runs between Sacramento and the Bay Area, winning many awards along the way. Since 1986 they have concentrated on campouts and an annual New Years party at the Wreck Room. For the month of October they are literally moving into the Center from 8PM to midnight on the 28 through the 31. For a \$2.00 donation you will be able to tour the Knight's Castle and observe Trophies and I do mean TROPHIES along with other paraphernalia collected over the years.

Current "Friends of the Center" receive *free* admission.

We listed many of The Center's programs in the last issue. Were you surprised at the number and scope of them? If so, you're not alone. Remember - it's your support that keeps the doors open and keeps these programs alive. Whether it's five dollars or five thousand dollars - it all adds up and pays the bills. Please, do it now. Thank You!

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
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